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FOR: REFRIGERATING MACHINE OIL :

COMPOSITION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 2, 2009, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 are pending.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,261,474 to Egawa et al. ("Egawa") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,801,132 to Kaneko et al. ("Kaneko"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites "[a] refrigerating oil composition, comprising: a refrigerant (A) comprising as a predominant component a C1-C8 hydrocarbon compound; and a base oil (B) comprising a polyvinyl ether represented by formula (II):

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{OR}^5 & \mathsf{OR}^6 \\ & & | \\ \mathsf{R}^3 & \longleftarrow (\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH})_p & \longleftarrow (\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH})_q & \longleftarrow \mathsf{R}^4 \end{array} \tag{II}$$